

Five Die, 24 Injured In Cross River Auto Crash

THE Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Cross River has confirmed five persons lost their lives, while 24 were injured in an auto crash in Ogoja Local Council of the state.

The Sector Commander, Mr Abdullahi Hassan, confirmed the incident to the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* in Calabar.

Hassan said the crash occurred around 12.41 pm, yesterday, in Abakpa community, Ogoja Local Council.

He said the crash involved a Mercedes Benz Tipper conveying 31 passengers to a bur-

ial ceremony.

According to him, the driver lost control when the vehicle had a burst tyre.

“Among the victims were 29 male adults, one female adult, and one female child. Out of the 31 passengers, 24 male adults got injured, two passengers were not injured, one female adult and one female child, while five male adults lost their lives.

“Three bodies were taken to the mortuary, those injured were taken to the General Hospital, Ogoja while two bodies were retrieved by their relatives at the scene,” he said.